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Selectmen's Report.

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| To received on town notes, | \$605 00 |
| of State treasurer, savings bank tax, | 43 01 |
| “ “ Literary fund, | 96 14 |
| “ “ Bounties, | 23 50 |
| County for support of paupers, | 337 50 |
| Collector for 1871, | 1 75 |
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| | \$1,106 90 |

TOWN DEBT, DUE ON NOTES.

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| Emily Durgin, | \$100 00 |
| M. E. Willey, | 215 00 |
| Rilla C. Sanborn, | 175 00 |
| Judith Foss, | 538 00 |
| John Johnson, | 86 00 |
| Mahala Foss, | 487 00 |
| Sarah J. Woodbury, | 116 00 |
| Lydia Woodbury, | 438 00 |
| Carter Foss, | 1,753 00 |
| C. Tucker, | 31 00 |
| Mary A. Gordon, | 60 00 |
| A. B. Jackman, | 28 00 |
| Lizzie Woodbury, | 5 00 |
| Emma F. Wood, | 12 00 |
| Emma F. Marden, | 105 00 |
| S. A. Selingham, | 27 00 |
| Milton Woodbury, | 16 00 |
| Hannah Dow, | 20 00 |
| Louise F. Smith, | 27 00 |
| Betsy S. Page, | 212 00 |
| Clara E. Gilman, | 52 00 |
| John A. Sanborn, | 26 00 |
| Rufus E. Sanborn, | 26 00 |

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| Augustus Merrill, | \$78 00 |
| Ida F. Woodbury, | 5 00 |
| Moses Page, | 606 00 |
| B. F. Peaslee, | 144 00 |
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| | \$5,388.00 |

ASSETS.

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| In Treasurer's hands, March 1, 1883, | \$654 61 | |
| Overseer's " | 3 70 | |
| Due from State for bounties, | 13 60 | |
| Collector, 1880, | 115 00 | |
| " 1881, | 130 00 | |
| " 1882, | 3,524 17 | |
| | <hr/> | \$4,441 08 |

AMOUNT OF TOWN DEBT.

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| Due on Town notes, | \$5,388 00 | |
| Bonds, | 21,351 45 | |
| Coupons, January 1, 1883, | 21 25 | |
| | <hr/> | \$26,760 70 |
| Assets, | 4,441 08 | |
| | <hr/> | \$22,319 62 |
| Total Debt, | | |
| Taylor Fund in town of Thornton, | \$1,045 67 | |
| School " " | 1,312 50 | |

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| EPHRAIM ELLIOTT, | } | Selectmen of Thornton. |
| A. H. KENDALL, | | |
| HIRAM MERRILL, | | |

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Treasurer's Report.

George W. Fifield, Treasurer, in account with the Town of
Thornton.

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| Cash in treasury March 1, 1883, | \$816 06 |
| Received of Selectmen, | 1,106 90 |
| Collector, 1875-76-77-78, | 17 56 |
| “ 1879, | 7 71 |
| “ 1880, | 285 63 |
| 3100.00 — “ 1881, | 3,107 00 |
| “ 1882, | 2,551 00 |
| | <hr/> \$7,891 86 |

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| Paid on Coupons for 1880, | \$2 50 |
| “ “ 1881, | 2 50 |
| “ “ 1882, | 10 00 |
| “ “ 1883, | 1,035 00 |
| Notes, | 2,132 55 |
| Orders, | 4,054 70 |
| In treasury, March 1, 1883, | 654 61 |
| | <hr/> \$7,891 86 |

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| Dora James, for board of town officers, | \$18 00 |
| C. P. Sargent, for services as town clerk and auditor, | 11 50 |
| Cereno Downing, school money, Dist. No. 4, | 9 00 |
| Miron W. Hazeltine, for printing reports, 1881, | 17 00 |
| F. M. Marden, for boarding teacher, Dist. No. 7, 1881, | 21 57 |
| S. B. Elliott, school money, Dist. No. 8, 1881, | 10 00 |
| D. L. Guernsey, for books and blanks, 1882, | 7 28 |
| Wm. Merrill, for timber to repair highway, | 6 00 |
| Philip Hart, for support of Eugene Hart, | 20 00 |
| C. H. Weeks, building committee of Dist. No. 5, 1880, | 24 64 |
| H. E. Gorden, part school money, Dist. No. 11, 1881, | 16 91 |
| H. V. Hart, for services as supervisor to March 14, 1882, | 14 25 |

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| D. & W. Sargent, for work on highway, 1881, | \$7 98 |
| John Elliott, for work on road, 1881, | 10 46 |
| Lewis Kendrick, " " | 4 29 |
| J. T. Bradley, in full to Sept. 17, 1881, | 2 50 |
| Cole Manufacturing Co., for 32 1-2 bolts, | 3 44 |
| G. W. Merrill, for bridge plank delivered to A. A. Straw, | 4 44 |
| Mahala Foss, in place of order No. 37 dated July 25, 1881, | 25 00 |
| Philip Hart, for work on road, 1881, | 9 12 |
| Charles C. Shores, for taking care of town house, 1881, | 5 00 |
| B. M. B. Selingham, to pay pauper bill, | 160 06 |
| Wm. R. Boynton, for powder and drills for highway, 1881, | 2 45 |
| John W. Pattee, for painting guide board, | 3 00 |
| F. M. Marden, for watering trough and plank, 1881, | 9 50 |
| J. T. Bradley, for work on road and bridge, | 13 10 |
| Amasa Huntoon, for shovelling snow, 1881, | 1 86 |
| John Titus, for work on road, 1881, | 3 80 |
| Alexander Morse, in full for work on road, | 2 88 |
| James Hogan, for building culvert, Dist. No. 4, | 25 00 |
| Ephraim Elliott, schoolhouse tax, Dist. No. 1, 1880, | 72 29 |
| " " " " 1860, | 50 00 |
| George R. Tucker, bear bounty, | 10 00 |
| Augustus & Hiram Merrill, work on highway, | 8 16 |
| George R. Tucker, bear bounty, | 10 00 |
| A. G. Smith, county tax for 1882, | 598 77 |
| H. V. Hart, services as supervisor and money paid out, | 8 25 |
| Solon A. Carter, state tax for 1882, | 388 00 |
| Ephraim Elliott, for money and time perambulating town line, | 9 00 |
| E. J. Young school money due Dist. No. 2, Campton, | 16 77 |
| A. Darling, labor on road, | 7 92 |
| Moody B. Cone, damage on plow, | 2 70 |
| F. D. Lyford, for use of watering trough, 1882, | 2 00 |
| Wm. F. Mitchell, work on road, 1880, | 10 45 |
| M. & D. Foss, for work and plank on highway, | 47 20 |
| Cyrus Hodgdon, work on Sandwich road, | 1 93 |
| Wm. T. Snow, work on highway to Nov. 15, 1882, | 16 66 |
| Wm. F. Mitchell, plank, timber and labor on road, | 28 42 |
| John Colby, watering trough and labor on road, | 16 83 |
| John Sargent, labor on road, | 6 18 |
| A. M. Morse, labor on road, | 3 91 |
| Wm. Barrett, for use of watering trough 1881, 1882, | 6 00 |

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| Charles Coldon, labor on highway, | \$2 05 |
| J. P. Mason, work on bridge and watering trough, | 4 50 |
| Alvin Steel, labor on highway, | 3 00 |
| Barrows & Jewell, advice for 1877 and 1880, | 2 00 |
| • Barrows & Jewell, advice and letter to Jennie Elkins at Laconia, | 5 00 |
| Barrows & Jewell, retainer on set off, and Merrill Greeley, | 25 00 |
| Burleigh & Adams, advice in 1881, | 4 00 |
| Burleigh & Adams, advice in 1882, | 5 00 |
| Enoch Emmons, augur and spikes, | 1 20 |
| A. F. Woodbury, stringer on bridge and powder, | 1 95 |
| Charles Shute, damage on plow on road, 1880 | 1 90 |
| Silas B. Elliott, services as auditor, 1882 | 1 25 |
| B. M. B. Selingham, pauper bill, | 151 11 |
| B. M. B. Selingham, his proportion school money, 1882, | 7 00 |
| A. A. Straw, work on road to May 30, 1882, | 4 44 |
| Jacob Percival, watering trough, | 3 00 |
| Joseph Parker, lumber and work on road for 1881 and 1882, | 16 38 |
| Henry F. Durgin, Jr., for labor on road, 1881 and 1882, | 8 91 |
| Daniel Peasley, labor on road to date, | 3 18 |
| J. T. Bradley, labor on road to date, | 11 02 |
| Henry Johnson, labor on road to date, | 11 16 |
| Amasa Huntoon, labor on bridge and damage on sleigh, | 2 00 |
| B. M. B. Selingham, services as overseer of the poor, | 25 50 |
| B. M. B. Selingham, money paid out as overseer of the poor, | 12 03 |
| Weeks, Campbell & Co., timber and plank for the town, | 62 71 |
| B. L. Peaslee, labor on road and gate, | 13 14 |
| Wm. A. Whitney, labor on highway for 1881 and 1882, | 7 36 |
| S. J. Corner, labor on bridge, | 5 50 |
| H. H. Constantine, watering trough 1881 and 1882, | 6 00 |
| John A. Sanborn, services as town clerk 1882, | 21 00 |
| C. H. Bryant, labor on road to date, | 7 03 |
| M. B. Cone, labor on road | 9 84 |
| A. H. Kendall, perambulating town line, | 10 50 |
| Hiram & Augustus Merrill, labor on road to date, | 10 62 |
| B. M. B. Selingham, to pay pauper bills, | 52 00 |
| Selectmen, balance of school house tax Dist. No. 1, 1880, | 26 02 |
| Selectmen, amount of school house tax Dist. No. 1 1882, | 470 57 |
| James P. Topping, services as superintending committee 1882, | 40 00 |
| Ephraim Elliott, money paid out for bounty, | 3 60 |
| A. H. Kendall, money paid out for counsel and R. R. fare, | 6 15 |

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| George W. Fifield services as treasurer, 1882, | \$35 00 |
| J. E. Pattee, " supervisor, " | 8 25 |
| V. G. Durgin, " " " | 6 00 |
| J. E. Pattee, watering trough, | 4 00 |
| Wm. Jones, one sheep killed by dogs, 1880, | 2 00 |
| Phillip Hart, labor on road, | 13 04 |
| George R. Tucker, " | 7 26 |
| C. H. Weeks and Dexter Merrill, school-house tax, 1882, | 21 00 |
| Ephraim Elliott, money, postage and express, | 4 59 |
| Ephraim Elliott, services as chairman, board of selectmen, | 69 40 |
| John C. Burleigh, for watering trough, 1881-82, | 6 00 |
| A. H. Kendall, labor on bridge, | 1 50 |
| A. H. Kendall, services as selectman, | 37 50 |
| A. H. Kendall, board of selectmen, Feb. 28. 1883, | 13 50 |
| Hiram Merrill, services as selectman, | 36 12 |
| Ephraim Merrill, " " | 5 00 |
| School money, Dist. No. 1, | 149 59 |
| 2, | 129 00 |
| 4, | 102 00 |
| 5, | 123 00 |
| 6, | 112 43 |
| 7, | 68 35 |
| 8, | 61 00 |
| 9, | 71 90 |
| 11, | 50 00 |
| 12, | 60 24 |

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GEORGE W. FIFIELD, Treasurer.

Report of the Overseer of the Poor.

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| Money received of the Town of Thornton, per order from the Selectmen on Treasurer, | \$383 11 |
| Money in hands of Overseer last year, | 4 64 |
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| | \$387 75 |

PAID FOR COUNTY PAUPERS.

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| Eugene Hart, | \$52 00 |
| S. D. Fadden, | 87 43 |
| John Sargent, | 4 50 |
| Mary F. Whitney, | 51 75 |
| John Tucker, | 35 97 |
| Worster Foss, | 43 07 |
| Jacob Benton, | 26 04 |
| Samuel Jacobs, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Benjamin Fifield, | 17 74 |
| Transient, | 12 50 |
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| | \$336 00 |

PAID FOR TOWN PAUPERS.

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| Mrs. Joshua Merrill and family, | \$48 05 |
| Money in hands of Overseer of Poor, | 3 70 |
| B. M. B. SELINGHAM, Overseer of the Poor. | |

Auditors' Report.

We certify that we have critically examined the foregoing reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Overseer of the Poor, for the Town of Thornton, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched: but your Auditors do not understand why over twenty bills, aggregating over \$200.00, should appear in these accounts from previous years.

MIRON J. HAZELTINE }
HENRY M. FIFIELD } Auditors.

School Report.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON:

Gentlemen—In compliance with duty as superintending school committee, I submit the following report:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential committee, Stephen Foss.

First term taught by Miss Minnie F. L. Brown of Plymouth. Length of school, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 25. Average attendance, 13. Roll of honor: Vinne James, Minnie James, Linnie James, Bertha James, Fred O. James, Annie M. Thayer, L. Morrison. I could not discover much advancement.

Second term taught by Miron J. Hazeltine of Thornton. Length of school, 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 27. Average attendance, 22. Roll of honor: Fred O. James, Malvina L. James, Minnie E. James, Linnie L. James, Bertha E. James, Anna M. Thayer, Lizzie M. Sanborn, Martha M. Foss, Mary H. Smith. This was a number one school taught by an experienced teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential committee, Henry M. Fifield.

First term taught by Miss Jennie M. Kinsman of Campton. Length of term, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 16. Average attendance, 15. Roll of honor: Gladys G. Bagley, Cora L. Colby, Ione L. Foss, Nellie Mitchell, Nelson B. Cone, L. P. Hazeltine. An excellent school.

Second term taught by J. Estelle Locke of Sandwich. Length of school, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 19. Average attendance, 16.6. Roll of honor: Nelson Cone, Elwood Elliott, L. P. Hazeltine, Walter Elliott, Nettie L. Cone, Ione Foss, Hattie Mitchell, Nellie Mitchell, Miss Locke is a good teacher.

Third term taught by J. P. Topping of Thornton. Length of school, 4 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 18. Average attendance, 16.9.

Roll of honor: Nelson B. Cone, Elwood Elliott, L. P. Hazeltine, R. E. L. Hazeltine, Alice M. Hazeltine, E. O. Knowles, Julia G. Caldon, Nettie L. Cone, Ione L. Foss, Mabel L. Greeley, Hattie A. Mitchell, Theodora E. Hazeltine, John E. Smith.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Prudential committee, Cereno Downing.

First term taught by Miss Mary A. Smart of Rumney. Length of term, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 13. Average attendance, 11. Roll of honor: May A. Carter, Nellie A. Sargent, Susie M. Sargent. Good improvement.

Second term taught by Georgie P. Calley. Length of term, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 16. Average attendance, 11.7. Roll of honor: May A. Carter, Henry Cilley, Eddie C. Sargent. I know but little of this school, as I made it but one visit.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Prudential committee, Charles Weeks.

Two terms, taught by Miss Nellie P. Bryant of Woodstock. Length of first term, 10 weeks; second term, 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars first term, 21; average attendance, 16.86. Whole number of scholars second term, 19; average attendance, 14.75. Her name is her recommend as a teacher,

DISTRICT No. 6.

Prudential committee, Waldo Gilman.

First term taught by Miss Affie A. Russell of Lincoln. Length of term, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 20. Average attendance, 16.5. Roll of honor: Alice G. Cone, Minnie J. Gillespie, Vonie L. Huntoon, Milan J. Gilman, Addie J. Gilman, Nelson K. Pattee, Charley B. Willey. A good school.

Second term taught by Newton Fox of Woodstock. Length of term, 11.6 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 22. Average attendance, 18. Roll of honor: Amy L. Hackett, Eva M. Hackett. Mr. Fox is a good teacher,

DISTRICT No. 7.

Prudential committee, Louis J. Marden.

One term of 13.8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 17. Average attendance, 12.5. A good school, taught by Miss Affie A. Russell of Lincoln.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Prudential committee, E. C. Broad.

Two terms taught by Mrs. Livona M. G. Houston. Length of first term, 6 weeks; length of second term, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars first term, 12, with an average attendance of 11.5; whole number of scholars second term, 10, with an average attendance of 9.04. Roll of honor, first term: Herbert A. Broad, Albert D. Lyford, Henry D. Lyford, Clara E. Elliott, Anna J. Elliott, Orrisan M. Lyford, Grace Lyford, Eda M. Smith. Sixteen weeks of hard work and sixteen weeks of good school.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Prudential committee, Willis M. Sanborn.

One term of 13 weeks, taught by Miss Jennie H. Howe. Whole number of scholars, 21. Average attendance, 17. The schoolroom is Miss Howe's place.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Prudential committee, H. E. Gordon.

One term of 9 weeks, taught by Marston Sanborn of Woodstock. Whole number of scholars, 11. Average attendance, 10.1. Roll of honor: Wilbur S. Gordon, Lanson Brown, A. Lee Pattee. A very fair school.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Prudential committee, William Sargent.

One term of 12 weeks, taught by Miss Jennie M. Kinsman of Camp-ton. Whole number of scholars, 24. Average attendance, 20. Roll of honor: Alice M. Sargent, Cyrus Brown, Fannie B. Brown. This school with No. 1 were the two best schools it was ever my privilege to superintend.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES P. TOPPING, S. S. Committee.

Thornton, Feb, 26, 1883.

